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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Akira IGARASHI, et al.

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FOR: CATALYSTS FOR WATER GAS SHIFT REACTION, METHOD FOR REMOVING CARBON MONOXIDE IN HYDROGEN GAS AND FUEL CELL GENERATION SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/720,262, filed February 6, 2001, which was originally filed as PCT application PCT/JP00/01600, filed March 16, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-073270	March 18, 1999
Japan	11-194104	July 8, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT /JP00/01600, filed March 16, 2000 Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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